

TITLE XIX OF SOCIAL SECURTY ACT DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

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State of Colorado

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES-OTHER TYPES OF CARE

Pharmaceutical Services:

Reimbursement shall be based upon the lower of usual and customary charges to the public or drug ingredient cost plus a designated dispensing fee.

A. Ingredient cost shall be defined as the lowest of the following:

Modified average wholesale price shall be defined as the average wholesale price less 12.00%. The average wholesale price will be determined by the Department from information supplied by First Data Bank and placed in a drug -pricing file as follows:

- 1. By subtracting 12.00% from the average wholesale price as determined by the Department.
- If the average wholesale price cannot be determined by the Department, then the distributors' or manufacturers' prices will be used to estimate average wholesale price to be modified and used in the drug-pricing file as the price of the drug.

The following pricing methodologies are used, noting that the pricing methodology resulting in the lowest price will be used:

- 1. Average wholesale price (AWP) minus 12%
- 2. Direct price plus 18%
- 3. State M.A.C., pharmacy acquisition cost of generic drugs available in the state market place plus 18%.
- 4. Federal Upper Limit (FUL)
- B. Dispensing fees are established by the state upon consideration to costs shown on periodic operation surveys, in-house studies of dispensing costs, national and regional data, and/or economic trends and conditions.

The current dispensing fee is \$4.00 for retail pharmacies and \$1.89 for institutional pharmacies.

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